



2009 Off-Leash Dog Area Committee

Purpose

The purpose of this committee will be to **advise and guide the Parks and Recreation Commission and Department of Parks and Recreation on all issues involving off-leash recreation.**

This group is a sub-committee of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission serves as an advisory group to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Committee Chair and staff

Betsy Mowry is the committee chair and is a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. She participated in the 2008 OLDA Task Force planning process. Betsy is responsible for the direction of the committee, will facilitate the meetings and report back to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Eric Thompson is staff for the committee. Eric has been the staff liaison for off-leash dog recreation since 1999. Eric's Park Security Officers are responsible for enforcement of the City ordinance relating to dogs off leash. Eric will coordinate the meetings, agendas, minutes and supporting information. He is responsible to represent the Parks and Recreation Department and implement recommendations approved by the commission.

Committee members

Committee members were selected based on the information submitted with their application. The committee represent at least 1 member from each City council ward – and also MAY represent a particular district council (although not all DC's are represented).

Committee members are expected to attend all monthly meetings (meeting schedule attached) and will have a vote on whatever recommendations are mad to the commission.

Committee members may also be asked to assist staff – and the committee with the development of reports or documents needed as supplementary information. The individual expertise and knowledge of committee members is invaluable to the success of this committee. Members may also be asked to represent the committee at their local district council meetings to relay information and support the efforts of the committee and City regarding off-leash recreation opportunities.

Non-committee participants

Applicants who were not selected to be members are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in all aspects of the process, but will have no voting rights at the committee meetings.

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